

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended) An upright vacuum cleaner comprising:
a body, said body comprising a floor-engaging portion and an
upstanding portion connected to said floor-engaging portion for
partial rotation forwardly and rearwardly about a transverse
pivotal axis;

fan means within said body for creating an airflow through said
cleaner;

and an elongate separation unit ~~mounted to said body~~ for
separating dirt and dust from said airflow, comprising a
removable end wall, wherein the elongate separation unit is
mounted to the front of said upstanding portion such that said
removable end wall faces upwardly in front of said upstanding
portion;

said elongate separation unit comprising a cyclone separator and
a filter, said filter being mounted to said removable end wall
and being removable from said elongate separation unit when said
elongate separation unit is mounted to the upstanding portion of
said body of said cleaner.

Claim 2 (currently amended) An upright vacuum cleaner as claimed in claim 1, in which said elongate separation unit is detachably mounted to the upstanding portion of said body.

Claim 3-4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (currently amended) An upright vacuum cleaner as claimed in claim 4 1, in which said elongate separation unit is generally cylindrical.

Claim 6 (currently amended) An upright vacuum cleaner as claimed in 5, in which said filter is an annular filter mounted concentrically within said elongate cylindrical separation unit.

Claim 7 (currently amended) An upright vacuum cleaner as claimed in claim 4 1, in which said removable end wall of said elongate separation unit comprises a projection which engages said filter.

Claim 8 (currently amended) An upright vacuum cleaner as claimed in claim 4 1, in which said elongate separation unit is mounted to said upstanding portion of said body of said cleaner such

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that said end wall is exposed and can be removed axially of said elongate separation unit.

Claim 9 (canceled)

Claim 10 (currently amended) An upright vacuum cleaner as claimed in claim 4 1, in which a handle is provided on said removable ~~portion~~ end wall of said separation unit to which said filter is mounted.